

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp comprising:
  - an outer bulb in which a discharge vessel is arranged around a longitudinal axis,
  - the discharge vessel enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space provided with an ionizable filling,
  - the discharge vessel having a first and a second mutually opposed portion forming a first and a second leadthrough through which a first and a second leadthrough conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes arranged in the discharge space,
  - a lamp base of electrically insulating material supporting the discharge vessel via a first current supply conductor, having a weld with the first leadthrough conductor, and a second current supply conductor electrically connected to the second leadthrough conductor forming a respective first and a second current path to the pair of electrodes,
  - the lamp base also supporting the outer bulb,
  - the outer bulb enclosing the first and second current supply conductors,
  - the outer bulb being connected to the lamp base in a gas-tight manner,

the lamp base being provided with first and second contact members connected electrically to the respective first and second current supply conductor.

2. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 1, in which the first current path has

a 1<sup>st</sup> section extending from the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough along the longitudinal axis towards the lamp base,

a 2<sup>nd</sup> section bended away extending effectively traverse to the longitudinal axis, and

a 3<sup>rd</sup> section extending towards the first contact member.

3. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 2, in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first current path comprises two U-bends.

4. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 3 in which each U-bend is lying in a mutual different plane.

5. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 3-~~or 4~~ in which the two U-bends are separated by an intermediate part.

6. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 5, in which the intermediate part is a straight part.

7. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 2, ~~3, 4, 5 or 6~~ in which the weld of the 1<sup>st</sup> current supply conductor with the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough conductor is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the 1<sup>st</sup> current path.

8. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7~~, in which the weld of the 1<sup>st</sup> current supply conductor with the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough conductor is a butt-weld.

9. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 2, ~~3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ in which the 1<sup>st</sup> section has a length of at least 1mm, preferably about 2mm.